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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

Please enter the enclosed substitute specification. A clean copy and a copy showing additions and deletions are enclosed. No new matter has been added.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 6-12 as follows:

6. (New) A device for producing an extruded plastic pipe, comprising:
an extruder configured to extrude a melt column, the melt column having an outer surface defining an outside diameter;
a vacuum chamber positioned in the device adjacent the extruder, the chamber allowing for varying the vacuum therein, the vacuum chamber comprising: